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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 8, 2006**

Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Reply are being filed in response to the final Office Action dated August 8, 2006, having a two-month extended period for reply set to expire on January 8, 2007. Submitted herewith is a petition for a two-month extension of time, along with the requisite fee, and the requisite fee for filing an RCE. If any additional fees are required to continue the prosecution of this application, please charge such fees to Deposit Account 19-5425.

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